California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS Humboldt County Fair

Ferndale, California

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Report for the Week of Monday, August 19, 2019 through Sunday, August 25, 2019

MONDAY

8/19/19¹ **DA**

DARK DAY ENTRIES

Entries for Friday, August 23, and all other matters needing steward supervision were overseen by Steward Jon White. This truly became a "dark" day when the track lost power for the majority of the day.

WEDNESDAY

8/21/19¹

NON-RACE DAY ACTIVITIES

This non-race day Steward Jon White was onsite to oversee entries for Saturday and changes to Friday's overnight.

THURSDAY

8/22/19¹

NON-RACE DAY

Entries for Sunday, final day of fair, along with changes for Saturday were directed by Steward Jon White. An eight-race card with the traditional 1 5/8 mile Marathon closes out the race meet.

FRIDAY

8/23/19¹

SCRATCH TIME CHANGES

There were no program changes prior to post time.

8/23/19² FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jose Dominguez appeared before us as requested to discuss two rides from Sunday. In both cases we questioned him on his riding nearing the finish line. In the first incident his mount was tiring, as evident by the video. The second he let up at the wire. He said he would try to finish through the wire in future races.

8/23/19³ **RACE 5 – LATE SCRATCH**

Prior to horses loading into the gate Track Veterinarian Clifton advised this panel that #1 RED GLITTER was off in front. The scratch by the stewards resulted in the show pool being refunded per CHRB Rule 1954.

8/23/19⁴ **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

Race 1	No Changes
Race 2	No Changes
Race 3	No Changes

Race 4 #5 CHILL (Tr. G. Greiner) Claimed by Tr. M. Cantrell

Race 5 Scratch #1 RED GLITTER (Tr. J. Puertas) Veterinarian – Unsound – Dr. Clifton –

Refund \$5,092.75

Race 6 No Changes

8/23/19⁵ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	1,294	\$57,236.00
NCOTWinc	1,244	\$61,513.90
Out of State	N/A	\$78,872.38
Total	2,538	\$197,622.28

SATURDAY

8/24/19¹

RACE 8 - LATE SCRATCH

During the post parade #7 FREAKY MONIQEE unseated Jockey C.H. Aragon. Rider remounted but once at the starting barrier his mount re-introduced him to the track surface. Rider appeared to be limping and asked to be excused. Horse was withdrawn from the race by stewards due to no available rider in room.

8/24/19² DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

Race 1	No Changes
Race 2	No Changes
Race 3	No Changes; Refund \$4.00
Race 4	Scratch #3 TYPHOON HARRY (Tr. R. Amescua) Sick – Dr. Clifton
	Scratch #5 FAST SALE (Tr. G Greiner) Re-Entered – Stewards; Refund \$249.20
Race 5	Scratch #4 EMPIRE WAY (E. Baze) No Available Jockey (Jockey Kellie McDaid
	excused due to illness) – Stewards; Refund \$57.60
Race 6	#3 DUTCH MAMA ridden by Sean Marcy replaces Kellie McDaid
Race 7	#6 KNOWN PEPPER ridden by Sean Marcy replaces Kellie McDaid
Race 8	Scratch #7 FREAKY MONIQEE (Tr. S. Naranjo) No Available Jockey –
	Stewards; Refund \$13,916.40

The two scratches in the fourth race resulted in a "no show wagering" contest.

8/24/19³ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	6,445	\$111,624.30
NCOTWinc	2,252	\$66,703.40
Out of State	N/A	\$175,275.02
Total	8,697	\$353,602.72

SUNDAY

8/25/19¹ **RACE 1 – DEAD HEAT**

This race, the Cream City Mule Handicap, saw five mules run around the turn in fine fashion with the outcome of the race too close to call without a picture. There was no clear separation between the top two finishers in the photo. It was unanimous to call the win a "dead heat."

8/25/19² RACE 6 – INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

As the horses were approaching the final turn the #1, FULLBRIDLEDPHANTOM ridden by C. H. Aragon, drove up on the inside of the horse racing second, #3 CAYATE with H. Herrera. At the same time the leader, #6 SONIC BOY ridden by J. Dominguez, began to tire. The running lanes tightened with the #6 getting out slightly and the #1 and #3 dropping into the turn. In a unanimous call the stewards felt the final result was unaffected by the traffic jam.

8/25/19³ **RACE 7 – INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The stewards called for the inquiry sign to be posted to look at the start. Actions between the winner, #4 LUCKY COTTON, the show finisher, #3 CRAZY AL and the also-ran #2 DEER DECARCHY were under review. The #3 tossed his head at the start on top of breaking a step slow. The #2 came out slightly ahead of the #3 while #4 broke over making things tight for #3. In a unanimous vote no change was made.

8/25/19⁴ **RACE 8 – NON-STARTERS**

The start of the final race was a mess. Two horses were declared non-starters: #2 DIZZY DANCER, held in gate by assistant starter, and #6 SEAU, left behind gate. All wagers on #2 and #6 were refunded along with the show pool being voided and the super high 5 wager was cancelled. Starter Randy Cope will appear before the Board of Stewards Thursday at Golden Gate Fields.

8/25/19⁵ **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

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Race 1	No Changes
Race 2	No Changes
Race 3	No Changes
Race 4	#2 MY LAST SHOT (Tr. B. Dillenbeck) Sick - Dr. Clifton; Refund: \$8.00
Race 5	#2 PALE COLOR (Tr. Q. Miller) Sick - Dr. Clifton; Refund: \$30.70
Race 6	No Changes
Race 7	No Changes
Race 8	#2 DIZZY DANCER and #6 SEAU Declared Non-Starters – Stewards; Refund:
	\$50,845.65

8/25/19⁶ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	2,986	\$92,376.10
NCOTWinc	1,649	\$77,392.00
Out of State	N/A	\$137,808.73
Total	4,635	\$307,576.83

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
23-Aug.	5	1	RED GLITTER	J. Puertas	Unsound	Clifton	\$5,092.75
24-Aug.	4	3	TYPHOON HARRY	R. Amescua	Sick	Clifton	\$249.20
25-Aug.	4	2	MY LAST SHOT	B. Dillenbeck	Sick	Clifton	\$8.00
25 Aug.	5	2	PALE COLOR	Q. Miller	Sick	Clifton	\$30.70

SUMMARY

	Fri 8/23	Sat 8/24	Sun 8/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	1	0	0	1	5
Disqualification	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	2	2	3
Refunds	1	4	3	8	10
Rulings	0	0	0	0	0
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lewis, Steward
 Will Meyers, Steward
Jon White, Steward
 Tom McCarthy, Steward